Community Information

Belmont Community Mediation Program 520 South El Camino Real #640, San Mateo, CA 94402(650) 373-3490; www.pcrcweb.org Are you having problems with a neighbor, landlord, merchant or employer? The volunteers of the community Mediation Program may have an effective solution. Working through a problem with the help of volunteers trained in mediation techniques nearly always has a positive result, solving the problem and improving the relationship. Spanish speaking staff available. FREE

Belmont Historical Society/History Room Club meets the second Saturday in September, January, March and June from 10am-12noon in the History Room in the Manor Building at Twin Pines Park. Annual membership is \$10. The History Room is open to the public 1:00-4:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month, and weekends during park events. Admittance is free.

The Book Nook at the Cottage The new, used book store sponsored by the Friends of the Library, now has a permanent home, downstairs behind the Cottage. The Book Nook will be open to the public the fourth Friday of each month in coordination with the Cottage's luncheons from 12 noon until 4:00pm, on the next day, Saturday, the second Sunday, as well as during our City's Fall & Winter Art Festivals. Varied hardback and paperback books and tapes are on sale with proceeds going to the Belmont Library. www.friendsofthelibrary.org/ For details, or to donate books, call (650)593-5650 or (650)591-3261 or (650)591-6329.

Cottage Auxiliary The Cottage Auxiliary group not only has dedicated volunteers, but also serves delicious lunches. Enjoy dining in the relaxed atmosphere of one of Belmont's most charming facilities, the Creekside Cottage, located in Twin Pines Park. All proceeds are used for the restoration and maintehance of this richly historical community building. Luncheons are served on the 4th Friday of each month, by reservations only. Reservations made by calling 592-3366.

1870 Art Center

1870 Ralston Avenue, **(650)**595-9679 1870 Art Center is a complex of professional artists' individual working studios and an established art gallery. They include painters and sculptors in a variety of media; jewelers, photographers potters and weav-

Exhibits are changed regularly in the central Gallery. The studios are open to interested visitors, student groups, and organized tours. Painting, drawing, and scupture classes are currently being held. Hours: The complex is open on weekdays and frequently on weekends. The Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, 1pm to 5pm or by appointment.

The Arts Council of San Mateo County Located in the Manor House in beautiful, wooded Twin Pines Park, the Arts Council of San Mateo County Galleries host professional exhibits of San Mateo County and Bay Area artists. We also produce exhibitions at the Government Center Gallery in Redwood City. The council also administers an Arts and Education Program, For more information, please call (650)593-1816.

Notre Dame de Namur University

1500 Ralston Ave, Belmont Ph. (650) 593-1601, fax (650) 508-3660 Enjoy the benefits of a cultural and educational center in your own backyard. Notre dame de namur university (NDNU) offers education opportunities as well as a variety of events to entertain the whole family. For complete information on our academic programs, contact our Admissions Department at 650-508-3607 or visit our website at www.ndnu.edu.

Visual and Performing Arts

Notre Dame Theatre 6th Annual Labor Day Theatre Festival

Aug. 29,30,30 @ 8pm; Aug. 31 @2pm Free Admission - Donations accepted to suppport student scholarships. This year's festival includes A.R. Gurney's 'Sylvia', Milcha Sanches-Scott's 'Roosters' and 'Breast Men'.

'Blood Wedding' by Frederico Garciz Lorca Oct. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 @8pm; Oct. 27 @2pm Tickets - \$6-Students/seniors; \$12 - Adults

Distinguished Speaker series

Robert Cohn, Founder/CEO -September 19 Octel Communications (ret.) -

Beth Devin, Exec. VP, Advisor & Client Technol-November 21 ogy, Charles Schwab & Co. -

Steve Ciesinski, Managing Partner, Earlybird LLC -January 16

Lectures will be held in Ralston Hall Mansion at 7:30pm. Admission is free.